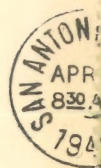


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Hello cho. -

Have a letter from your "Kaydet" brother. But what the heck will be in it when it's finished and done for. trumps me! - Haven't had a great deal of time for writing and I've been telling about everything in my letters home - so. - if you've been reading them - here goes a lot of repetition. I'm afraid! -

Yes, sir. - I'm actually a cadet after, lo, these many months of sweating. - And now that I'm one - thank goodness for my training as a soldier beforehand! -! - Y. gods. - they have my tongue hanging out every night and my ol' bunk catches the very devil until about 5:15 ~~the~~ next morning! - And they say this is a conditioning period for what's to come after we get on the "hill"! - We have about umpteen different formations every day and we have to have on different clothes for each one, nearly. - and that alone kinda keeps one stepping. - Calisthenics every morning for 45 minutes and one hour of athletics every afternoon. - In between times we usually rest up by drilling! - And the athletics! - Guess what I usually end up doing! - They have basketball, football, volleyball, and a cross-country run. - I take the cross-country run every day. -! - Aha - but wait a minute! - there's a damn good reason for it. - you should know me better than to think I've slipped that far! - Here tis: - just now we have about 3 miles to do at 50 paces running + 50 walking (the old Boy Scout pace) and after we get on the "hill" - the distance will be increased substantially and the

pace quickened till about 120 paces running to 50 walking! - Now do you see why I'm starting in on it now instead of playing something easier? - It's a horse, I "aint" kidding! - If I'm not a "superman" when I get out of here, it won't be their fault! - But it should be getting better now cause most of the soreness is working out.

Uncle Samuel was good to us, too, for Easter. - Besides giving us our first day of rest since getting here (we worked last Sunday) he gave us each one a new suit for Easter! - We got our Cadet uniform which corresponds to an officer's except for a few different insignias: - i. e. - a wing on the cap. - and a wing on the coat sleeve + shirt sleeves. - Everything is exactly like an officer's and within 2 minutes after getting your bars you can have everything changed that need be! - I'm anxious to get into town so as to get some pictures made before they take them away from me! - As yet, we're still under restrictions and have no idea when they'll be lifted. - Anytime after our physical I guess, which they tell us should be early this week. - Hope I pass cause that's my only stumbling block - but I'm not worrying - if I don't, I don't. - There's nothing I can do about it, and if they're going to be too persnickety - why, the hell with them! - I can always be a private! - So, there!!! - What am I saying? -

Don't know about the finances - no inkling as to when we'll be paid - My ~~fit~~ pile is holding up fairly well, tho. - cept it won't be able to long if I have to get many more insignias + crap like I have the last few days. - Oh, - well. - I can always write a check! - a plutocrat. - that's me! -

By the way - a new address - the third in the last week. -

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Write you again after you have chance to recover from this one. - Besides I don't be too hard on the people during blackouts! - Just

Not Kelly Field.